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Chief

Radio and TV Broadcasts

There is attached a copy of a letter received from the President's Commission concerning SA Howlett's memorandum of March 18, 1964, covering his inquiries at the radio and TV outlets in Dallas relative to their recordings. The inked corrections were made by us at the request of Mr. Burt Griffin of the Commission.

It is impossible for this Service to secure this material at our expense; nor can we assign an agent for this time consuming task of copying this material. Therefore, please make an inquiry of the TV and radio stations involved and secure for us an estimate of what they would charge to make the material available to the Commission, using their own personnel and facilities. Also explore the possibility of whether the task of securing the copies could be given by the Commission to an agency such as the Army Signal Corps or USIA, i. e., whether the stations would make their tapes and material and/or their equipment available to those agencies for that purpose. In other words, the Commission wishes to get this material at the lowest possible cost to the Government.

In regard to the last paragraph of the Commission's letter, what they mean by "summaries" is that they would like an indication of what each tape contained, that is, tape number 1 containes three minutes of interviews with eye witnesses; four minutes of interviews with police department; three minutes of dialogue; four minutes comment by the radio broadcaster, etc. It does not mean that they would expect someone to listen to the whole broadcast and then make a summary of what the broadcast was. The copies of broadcast logs of the radio stations, I assume, could be secured without any difficulty.

Before committing the Commission to make any expenditures, give us an estimate of what it would cost for the stations mentioned to comply with this request of the Commission.

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